

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of the state of Louisiana, I join Nickelodeon and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation – a joint initiative of the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation – in celebrating World Wide Day of Play and in ensuring that today's generation of kids become one of the healthiest; and

WHEREAS, the rates of childhood obesity are rising at alarming rates; and

WHEREAS, today's generation of children could be the first to live shorter lives than their parents, according to some experts; and

WHEREAS, conditions not usually seen until adulthood such as heart disease, diabetes, elevated cholesterol and high blood pressure are becoming more prevalent in children; and

WHEREAS, today's children, and adults, don't get as much physical activity as they should; and

WHEREAS, nutritious diets and physical activity are an important component to living healthy lifestyles and reducing disease; and

WHEREAS, overweight adolescents have a 70 percent chance of becoming overweight or obese adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2006, as

LOUISIANA WORLD WIDE DAY OF PLAY

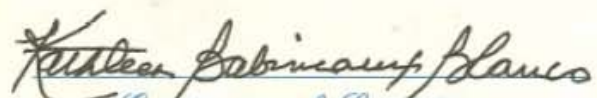
and urge youth and families to Go Healthy by engaging in healthy behaviors such as walking, playing games, hiking, cooking healthy meals, etc.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 18th day of September
A.D., 2006*


Governor of Louisiana